

Sinclair  
Broadcasting has  
decided to use the  
public airwaves,  
which it uses free  
of charge making  
Sinclair obligated  
by law to serve the  
public interests,  
to serve themselves  
instead of the  
public by pushing  
political propaganda  
("Stolen Honor:  
Wounds That Never  
Heal"), for reasons  
personal to Sinclair  
management. This  
ammounts to illegal  
in-kind contribution  
of political  
advertising.

This is a perfect  
example of the  
dangers inherent in  
turning control of a  
large number of  
public stations over  
to a single  
corporation.  
Sinclair flouts the  
law and the  
regulations  
established by  
Congress and the FCC  
for personal gain.

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
feable attempt to  
brush aside the  
serious nature of  
this breach of  
public trust by  
simply declaring the  
propaganda designed  
to influence a  
national election is  
only news further  
demonstrates the  
flippent attitude  
taken by this group  
of partisan  
businessmen in their  
disregard for the  
rule of law and FCC

regulations.

In addition,  
Sinclair  
Broadcasting has  
already exercised  
political control of  
public broadcasts by  
ordering their many  
stations not to air  
Ted Koppal's tribute  
to fallen Americans  
- another attempt to  
manipulate the  
public against  
public interests. If  
the American public  
does not have a  
right to view a  
tribute to our brave  
soldiers simply  
because it may  
impact Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
favored politicians,  
then why do we have  
public airwaves? How  
are Sinclairs  
managers serving the  
public and not  
themselves? Even if  
those in charge of  
the FCC side with  
Sinclair's manager's  
personal opinions,  
fully half of the  
nation does not  
share those views.  
How is that half of  
America served?

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
end-run around FCC  
regulations and  
Federal law must not  
be allowed by the  
FCC. Either the FCC  
is here to engage in  
it's mission, or it  
is dysfunctional and  
should be abolished  
and replaced with an  
effective regulatory  
body!

Now more than ever

media ownership  
rules must be  
strengthened, not  
made weaker. The  
license renewal  
process must be made  
a valid process  
reviewing the  
commitment of those  
corporations which  
own stations to  
serve the public. If  
controlling  
corporations serve  
their own political  
ideology over public  
interests then those  
corporations must  
lose their licenses!  
There can be no  
exceptions, or the  
FCC is invalid.

I urge you to do  
your job, or get out  
of the way for  
someone who can.

-Scott Hill